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1. WANG OF DEPT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CALLED EMBASSY JULY 26 TO PROVIDE REPORT OF INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEETING ON BONN DECLARATION. HE MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. IT WAS CONFIRMED WITHIN CANADIAN GOVERNMENT THAT COMMITMENT ON HIJACKING CANADA MADE AT JULY 17 MEETING IN BONN TOOK EFFECT IMMEDIATELY AND IS IN EFFECT NOW FOR CANADA.

B. THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ALREADY HAS THE NECESSARY AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT IMMEDIATELY ITS COMMITMENTS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE BONN DECLARATION IN THE EVENT A HIJACKING
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WERE TO OCCUR.

C. CANADA WILL ATTEND THE AUGUST 1-2 MEETINGS AT BONN. MR. WANG NOTED THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ISSUES WHICH MUST BE ADDRESSED AT THOSE MEETINGS BY THE SEVEN. MR. MAURICE D. COPITHORNE, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE BUREAU OF LEGAL AFFAIRS AND LEGAL ADVISER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

WILL LEAD THE CANADIAN DELEGATION. MR. COPITHORNE HAS ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER RANK.

2. WANG SAID THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAD RECEIVED SOME PRESS INQUIRIES ABOUT THE BONN DECLARATION. CANADA, HE SAID, INTENDS TO LIMIT RESPONSES TO INQUIRIES TO A BRIEF STATEMENT ALONG LINES OF POINTS A, B AND C ABOVE THAT THE DECLARATION IS IN EFFECT FOR CANADA; CANADA HAS THE NECESSARY POWERS TO IMPLEMENT IT AND WILL BE DISCUSSING FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION STEPS WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SEVEN NEXT WEEK.

3. CANADA WILL NOT GO BEYOND POINTS ABOVE IN STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS AND INTENDS TO MAINTAIN A LOW PROFILE ON THE BONN DECLARATION UNTIL THERE HAS BEEN AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER COORDINATION WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SEVEN IN BONN.

4. WANG SAID THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED IN ADVANCE, IF POSSIBLE, IF THE USG INTENDED TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT THE BONN DECLARATION. DUEMLING

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